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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office relative to the abandonment of military reservations.

FEBRUARY 28, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 27, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of resolution of the Senate, dated December 19, 1889, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, instructed to inform the Senate what military reservations, or parts thereof, and the area of the said reservations and the improvements thereon, have been relinquished by the War Department and abandoned by executive order and placed under the control of the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the provisions of the act of July 5, 1884, and any act subsequent thereto.

Second. What military reservations, or portions thereof, placed under control of the Secretary of the Interior under said acts, have been surveyed or subdivided and appraised and sold; what, if any, reason exists why the lands in such said reservations are not surveyed, subdivided, appraised, and sold, and what appropriation is needed to survey said lands that the same may be disposed of as provided by law.

In response to the resolution I inclose herewith copy of the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated the 26th instant, with its two inclosures.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., February 26, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith Senate resolution, dated December 19, 1889, asking for information as to the abandoned military reservations relinquished to the Department by the War Department, under the act of July 5, 1884 (23 Stats., 163), and any act subsequent thereto, referred to this office on December 20, 1889, by honorable Assistant Secretary Bussey, for report in duplicate; and, in reply, to inclose two statements, in duplicate, marked respectively A and B, which afford the desired information, as far as has been ascertained from the records of this office, except as to the reason "why the lands in such reservations are not surveyed, subdivided

vided, appraised, and sold, and what appropriation is needed to survey said lands, that the same may be disposed of as provided by law," in regard to which you are advised as follows:

Since January 20, 1887, no additional instructions have been received from the Department authorizing the survey of the abandoned military reservations which have, subsequent to that date, been transferred to the custody of the Department for disposal under the act of July 5, 1884.

The entire appropriation of \$20,000 (per act approved March 3, 1885, 23 Stat. L., 499) for the survey, appraisal, and sale of abandoned military reservations was exhausted in ordering the surveys specifically authorized by Departmental letter of January 20, 1887.

The only reason known to this office why all of the lands embraced in the abandoned and relinquished military reservations referred to in the Senate resolution have not been surveyed, subdivided, appraised, and sold is lack of funds out of which to pay the necessary expenses incident to compliance with the provisions of the act of July 5, 1884.

An estimate of \$8,000 for this purpose has been included in the estimates for the next fiscal year, but this sum was fixed upon with reference to expenses likely to be incurred during the fiscal year. It would probably be advisable to have an appropriation of \$20,000, if the intention is to proceed with the work to completion, without having to wait for a further appropriation.

I have to state that the delay in making this report has been caused by the necessity of procuring information from the War Department as to the improvements on the several reservations.

Very respectfully,

LEWIS A. GROFF,
Commissioner.

The honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

A.—List of military reservations, or parts thereof, relinquished by the War Department to the Interior Department under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 5, 1884 (23 Stats. L., 103).

Name.	Date of relinquishment.	Area in acres.	Improvements.
Whipple Barracks (timber reserve), Ariz.	July 22, 1884	720.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Camp Crittenden, Ariz.	July 22, 1884	3,278.08	One building, valued at \$150; one building, value not known.
Camp Goodwin, Ariz.	July 22, 1884	5,760.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Camp Grant, Ariz.	July 22, 1884	2,031.70	Do.
Fort Verde (garden reserve), Ariz.	July 22, 1884	3,000.00	Do.
Fort Bidwell (portion), Cal.	Feb. 16, 1885	123.26	Six structures, valued at \$1,950 (presumed to be private property).
Camp Cady, Cal.	July 22, 1884	1,562.00	It was reported in 1870 that there were twelve structures; present condition not known.
Camp Independence (post reserve), Cal.	July 22, 1884	120.20	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Camp Independence (hay reserve), Cal.	July 22, 1884	25,30.18	Do.
Camp Independence (wood reserve), Cal.	July 22, 1884	2,560.00	Do.
Fort Yuma, Cal.	July 22, 1884	5,214.00	Not known, but tract is reserved for Indian uses.
Fort Lyon (old), Colo.	July 22, 1884	38,000.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort Lyon (new), Colo.	Nov. 25, 1889	*5,874.00	Improvements not yet reported by War Department.
Pagosa Springs (Old Fort Lewis), Colo.	July 22, 1884	21,838.08	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Pike's Peak, Colo.	Jan. 12, 1889	8,192.00	Do.
Cantonment on Uncompahgre (portion), Colo.	July 22, 1884	*4,000.00	Do.
Camp on White River, Colo.	July 22, 1884	40,960.00	Twenty-one structures in all, valued at \$5,000 if sold with the land.
Fort Randall (portion), Dak.	July 22, 1884	24,503.53	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort Rice, Dak.	July 22, 1884	*102,400.00	Do.

* Estimated.

A.—List of military reservations, or parts thereof, etc.—Continued.

Name.	Date of relinquishment.	Area in acres.	Improvements.
Fort Sisseton (formerly Fort Wadsworth), Dak.	Apr. 22, 1889	81,920.00	Eight brick, 6 stone, 5 frame, and 3 log buildings, and board walks. All in good condition.
Dragoon Barracks L. H., Fla.	Nov. 18, 1886	1.15	Tract has been disposed of.
Old Powder House lot, Florida.	Mar. 18, 1886	10.29	Do.
Fort Cœur d'Alene (winter pasturage), Idaho.	Apr. 27, 1886	640.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Camp Three Forks, Idaho....	July 22, 1884	4,800.00	Do.
Fort Dodge (remainder), Kans.	Jan. 12, 1885	12,000.00	Forty-one structures in all, valued at \$20,000, if sold with land.
Fort Hays, Kans.....	Oct. 21, 1889	7,600.00	Forty buildings, valued at \$10,050; 1 bridge, valued at \$200.
Fort Wallace, Kans.....	July 22, 1884	8,926.09	Barracks, quarters, etc., valued at \$15,000, if sold with land.
Baton Rouge Barracks, La... Ten reservations on the Gulf coast, Louisiana, as follows:	Sept. 6, 1884	44.17	Disposed of.
Reservation near the eastern mouth of Bayou La Fourche.	Sept. 23, 1886	*720.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Reservation near the western mouth of Bayou La Fourche.	Sept. 23, 1886	*700.00	Do.
Reservation on Bay Plat.	Sept. 23, 1886	100.00	Do.
Reservation near the western entrance to Caminada Bay.	Sept. 23, 1886	437.93	Do.
Reservation near the Pass, at the eastern end of Grand Terre Island.	Sept. 23, 1886	*324.00	Do.
Reservation near the mouth of Quatre Bayou Pass.	Sept. 23, 1886	347.46	Do.
Reservation at Bastian Bay.	Sept. 23, 1886	392.46	Do.
Reservation near Bastian Bay, comprising part of sections 22, 23, and 26, and all of sections 27 and 35, T. 21 S., R. 28 E.	Sept. 23, 1886	1,217.35	Do.
Reservation near Bastian Bay, comprising part of sections 4 and 5, and all of sections 6, 7, and 8, T. 22 S., R. 29 E.	Sept. 23, 1886	1,601.82	Do.
Reservation near Bastian Bay, comprising part of sections 14 and 15, and all of sections 22, 23, and 24, T. 21 S., R. 27 E.	Sept. 23, 1886	329.77	Do.
Fort Sullivan, Me.....	July 22, 1884	12.50	Do.
Bois Blanc Island, Mich.....	July 22, 1884	9,199.43	Do.
Fort Wilkins, Mich.....	July 22, 1884	148.35	Nineteen structures in all; value not known.
Island in Missouri River, Missouri.	July 22, 1884	54.70	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort Ellis, Mont.....	July 26, 1886	32,116.10	Twenty-four structures in all; value not known.
Fort Hartsuff, Nebr.....	July 22, 1884	3,251.41	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort McPherson, Nebr.....	Jan. 5, 1887	19,500.00	Do.
Camp Sheridan, Nebr.....	July 22, 1884	18,225.00	Do.
Fort Sedgwick, Colo. and Nebr.	July 22, 1884	40,960.00	Do.
Carlin, Nev.....	Mar. 20, 1888	920.00	Do.
Fort Halleck, Nev.....	Oct. 11, 1886	10,900.93	Twenty structures in all; value not known.
Fort McDermitt (hay reserve), Nev.	Dec. 1, 1886	6,400.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort McDermitt (post reserve), Nev.	July 17, 1889	3,974.40	It was reported in 1879 that there were 25 structures upon this reservation. Present value and condition not known.
Fort Butler, N. Mex.....	July 22, 1884	76,800.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort Craig, N. Mex.....	Mar. 3, 1885	24,895.00	Twenty-two structures in all. Value not known.

* Estimated.

A.—List of military reservations, or parts thereof, etc.—Continued.

Name.	Date of relinquishment.	Area in acres.	Improvements.
Fort McRae, N. Mex.	July 22, 1884	2,500.00	Tract is disposed of.
Fort Klamath (post reserve), Oregon.	May 4, 1886	1,200.00	Twenty-five structures in all. Value not known.
Fort Klamath (hay reserve), Oregon.	May 4, 1886	2,135.68	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort Cameron, Utah.	July 2, 1885	23,378.00	Do.
Fort Crittenden, Utah.	July 22, 1884	94,550.00	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Rush Lake Valley, Utah.	July 22, 1884	5,131.47	Do.
Fort Thornburgh, Utah.	July 22, 1884	21,851.00	Nine structures in all; \$500 have been offered for them.
Fort Colville, Wash.	Feb. 26, 1886	1,070.00	Quarters for 5 officers and 4 companies, one hospital and two store-houses. Value not known.
Fort Steilacoom, Wash.	July 22, 1884	289.00	Improvements appear to have been donated to Washington Territory prior to transfer.
Fort Bridger (coal reserve), Wyo.	July 22, 1884	99.17	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort Fetterman (hay reserve), Wyo.	July 22, 1884	2,620.91	Do.
Fort Fetterman (post reserve), Wyo.	July 22, 1884	36,495.65	A double set of officers' quarters, barracks, sheds, stables, guard house, store-houses, hospital, etc. Value not known.
Fort Fetterman (new wood reserve), Wyo.	July 22, 1884	1,262.76	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort Fetterman (old wood reserve), Wyo.	July 22, 1884	4,706.23	Do.
Fort Fred Steele (post reserve), Wyo.	Aug. 9, 1886	22,269.65	Forty-two structures in all. Value not known.
Fort Fred Steele (wood reserve), Wyo.	Aug. 9, 1886	2,563.64	No improvements appear to have been transferred.
Fort McKinney (portion), Wyo.	Jan. 10, 1889	*640.00	Do.
Fort Sanders, Wyo.	Sept. 6, 1884	19,342.00	Do.

* Estimated.

Lists of reservations, or parts thereof, relinquished by the War Department to the Interior Department under the provisions of the act of August 18, 1856 (11 Stat., 87). Said act was repealed by the act of July 5, 1884, and the reservations are, by departmental decision of May 10, 1887, 5 L. D., 632, to be disposed of under the provisions of the latter act.

Name.	Date of relinquishment.	Area in acres.	Improvements.
Fort Brooke, Fla.	Jan. 4, 1883	148.11	No improvements appears to have been transferred.
Fort Jupiter, Fla.	Mar. 16, 1880	9,088.38	Do.
St. Augustine (hospital lot), Fla.	Oct. 15, 1883	.1619	Do.
St. Augustine (blacksmith-shop lot), Fla.	Oct. 15, 1883	.12786	Do.

There has been but one reservation, or part thereof, relinquished by the War Department to the Department of the Interior under any act subsequent to the act of July 5, 1884, viz:

Name.	Date of relinquishment.	Area in acres.	Improvements.
Fort Douglass (portion), Utah.	Apr. 17, 1885	151.81	None.

Said portion of this reservation was relinquished under the act of January 21, 1885 (23 Stat., 284), which allowed Charles Popper ninety days in which to make entry of the tract relinquished. Popper made entry for the tract June 17, 1885.

B—Statement showing the condition of each of the reservations named in statement A:

Whipple Barracks (timber reserve), Ariz.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Camp Crittenden, Ariz.—Surveyed, but returns of survey not as yet examined in the field, and therefore not yet approved.

Camp Goodwin, Ariz.—Surveyed, but returns of survey not as yet examined in the field, and therefore not yet approved.

Camp Grant, Ariz.—Surveyed, but returns of survey not as yet examined in the field, and therefore not yet approved.

Fort Verde (garden reserve), Ariz.—Surveyed, but returns of survey not as yet examined in the field, and therefore not yet approved.

Fort Bidwell (portion), Cal.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Camp Cady, Cal.—Survey, as originally authorized by the Department, January 20, 1887, was ordered through the United States Surveyor-General, but subsequently suspended by reason of apparent exhaustion of appropriation. Under date of May 13, 1889, the Surveyor-General was authorized to accept the proposal of W. H. Carlton to execute said survey, but no contract has as yet been received at this office.

Camp Independence (past reserve), Cal.—Surveyed. Entry made for this tract under the provisions of the act. Said entry has been contested, and the case is now pending before this office.

Camp Independence (hay reserve), Cal.—One hundred and sixty acres of this tract have been entered under the provisions of the act; the remainder, 2,370.18 acres, is surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Camp Independence (wood reserve), Cal.—Survey, as originally authorized by the Department, January 20, 1887, was ordered through the United States Surveyor-General, but subsequently suspended by reason of apparent exhaustion of appropriation. Under date of May 13, 1889, the Surveyor-General was authorized to accept the proposal of W. H. Carlton to execute said survey, but no contract has as yet been received at this office.

Fort Yuma, Cal.—Reserved for Indian uses by executive order of January 9, 1884. This reservation was placed under the control of this Department on July 22, 1884, for disposal under the act of July 5, 1884, but under date of March 26, 1887, honorable Secretary Lamar directed that the executive order of January 9, 1884, be regarded as still in force.

Fort Lyon, (old), Colo.—Surveyed. About 7,100 acres have been entered under the provisions of the act. The remainder, 30,900 acres, is ready for appraisal.

Fort Lyon (new), Colo.—No survey has as yet been ordered by the Department.

Pagosa Springs (old Fort Lewis), Colo.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Pike's Peak, Colo.—Unsurveyed. No survey as yet authorized by the Department.

Cantonment on Uncompahgre (portion), Colo.—This tract was originally within the Ute Indian Reservation, and by departmental decision of January 3, 1885, 3 L. D., 296, is being disposed of as other Ute lands under the act of June 15, 1880 (21 Stats., 199).

Camp on White River, Colo.—This tract was originally within the Ute Indian Reservation, and by departmental decision of January 3, 1885, 3 L. D., 296, is being disposed of as other Ute lands under the act of June 15, 1880 (21 Stats., 199).

Fort Randall (portion), Dak.—Surveyed. About 11,162 acres have been entered under the provisions of the act. The remainder, 13,341 acres, is now ready for appraisal.

Fort Rice, Dak.—Surveyed. Returns of survey examined in the field and unfavorably reported upon by Special Agent Bannister, September 3, 1888. Re-examined by Special Agent Fawcner and report submitted under date of September 18, 1889. Said report not yet acted upon.

Fort Sisseton (formerly Fort Wadsworth), Dak.—Unsurveyed. Survey not as yet authorized by the Department.

Dragon Barracks, L. H., Florida.—Appraised and sold.

Old Powder-House Lot, Florida.—Appraised and sold.

Fort Cœur d'Alene (winter pasturage), Idaho.—This tract appears to have been erroneously located on the official plats, and the surveyor-general of Idaho will be directed, as soon as practicable, to furnish corrected plats showing the true location of said abandoned reservation. No steps can be taken for its disposal until this is done.

Camp Three Forks, Idaho.—Survey was authorized by departmental letter under date of January 20, 1887, but not yet ordered, owing to exhaustion of appropriation of March 3, 1885 (23 Stats., 499), for survey, etc., of abandoned military reservations.

Fort Dodge (remainder), Kans.—Surveyed. All of this tract, except 1,200 acres, is within the limits of the Osage Indian trust lands, and under date of July 9, 1886, the district officers at Garden City, Kans., were directed to allow entries of said Osage Indian trust lands, as provided by act of May 23, 1880 (21 Stats., 143), with the ex-

ception of tracts upon which buildings erected by the Government for military purposes are located, which latter tracts were found to be lots 3, 5, 6, and 7, sec. 3, T. 27 S., R. 24. W. By act of March 2, 1889 (25 Stats., 1012), authority was given to sell and convey to the State of Kansas the said lots, and on June 13, 1889, the same were purchased by the State. The tract of 1,200 acres above mentioned is ready for disposal.

Fort Hays, Kans.—Under recent departmental instructions further action on said reservation has been suspended to await Congressional action regarding disposal of the lands.

Fort Wallace, Kans.—By act of October 19, 1888 (25 Stats., 612), the following provisions were made for the disposition of this tract, viz:

Section 1 provides that a certain tract be reserved for the town site of Wallace. Entry thereof has been made and patented.

Section 2 authorizes the Union Pacific Railroad Company to purchase a certain tract for machine shops. Application for this purchase has been made and the local officers directed to allow the same.

Section 3 authorizes the Wallace Water-Works to purchase a 40-acre tract for its use. This has not yet been done.

Section 4 grants 40 acres to the town for cemetery purposes.

Section 5 provides for the appraisal and sale of the tract covered by the old Fort Wallace and the buildings thereon. The appraisal has been lately made, but not yet acted upon by this office.

Section 6 provides that the remainder of said reservation shall be disposed of under the homestead laws. No entries have yet been allowed.

Baton Rouge Barracks, La.—By act of July 12, 1886 (24 Stats., 144), the Secretary of the Interior was authorized to transfer the buildings on and a portion of said reservation to the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the remainder of said reservation to the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railway Company. Transfer made July 31, 1886.

Ten reservations on the Gulf coast, Louisiana.—Partly surveyed and partly unsurveyed. Survey authorized by departmental letter of January 20, 1887. No survey ordered by reason of there being no United States surveyor-general for district at date of authorization, and subsequent exhaustion of appropriation of March 3, 1886 (23 Stats., 499), for survey, etc., of abandoned military reservations.

Fort Sullivan, Me.—Unsurveyed. Survey not as yet authorized by the Department.

Bois Blanc Island, Mich.—Surveyed. 619.63 acres were within a private claim at the time the reservation was made. 405.55 acres have been disposed of by appraisal and sale under the provisions of the act. 5,083.83 acres have been disposed of to the State as swamp lands, by departmental decision of February 25, 1889 (8 L. D., 309). 674.26 acres were decided as being covered by the school grant to the State, by departmental decision of June 5, 1889 (8 L. D., 560). The remainder, 2,416.06 acres, has been appraised and offered, but not sold, and is now, by the terms of the act, subject to re-offering.

Port Wilkins, Mich.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Island in Missouri River, Missouri.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Ellis, Mont.—Surveyed. Said reservation was declared by Executive order of February 15, 1868. Enlarged March 1, 1870, and further enlarged, by the addition of 16,320 acres, November 25, 1873. The land added by the Executive order of November 25, 1873, is within the granted limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and the said company's rights, having attached prior to the reservation for military purposes, were not impaired thereby, but merely placed in abeyance. The even-numbered sections in said tract of 16,320 acres, and the remaining 15,840 acres are now ready for appraisal.

Fort Hartsuff, Nebr.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort McPherson, Nebr.—Survey was authorized by departmental letter dated January 20, 1887, but not yet ordered, owing to exhaustion of appropriation of March 3, 1885 (23 Stats., 499), for survey, etc., of abandoned military reservations.

Camp Sheridan, Nebr.—Surveyed. By inadvertence of local officers, several filings and entries were allowed upon said reservation, aggregating 7,072.52 acres. These were confirmed by the act of October 12, 1888 (25 Stats., 1201). The remainder, 11,153 acres, is ready for appraisal.

Fort Sedgwick, Colo. and Nebr.—Said reservation is within the granted limits of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and the said company's rights to the odd-numbered sections, having attached prior to the reservation for military purposes, were not impaired thereby, but merely placed in abeyance. The even-numbered sections are ready for appraisal.

Carlin, Nev.—Unsurveyed. No survey as yet authorized by the Department.

Fort Halleck, Nev.—Unsurveyed. Returns of survey of said reservation were re-

ceived with surveyor-general's letter of November 30, 1888, but were rejected because of failure of the surveyor to comply with the terms of the contract. Under date of December 20, 1889, the United States surveyor-general for Nevada was instructed to award to a competent and reliable deputy a new contract for the survey of said reservation.

Fort McDermit (hay reserve), Nev.—Unsurveyed. Returns of survey of said reservation were received with surveyor-general's letter of November 30, 1888, but were rejected because of failure of the surveyor to comply with the terms of the contract. Under date of December 20, 1889, the United States surveyor-general for Nevada was instructed to award to a competent and reliable deputy a new contract for the survey of said reservation.

Fort McDermit (post reserve), Nev.—Unsurveyed. No survey as yet authorized by the Department.

Fort Butler, N. Mex.—Surveyed. Said reservation is situate mostly within the confirmed and surveyed private land grant Pablo Montoya, and also covers a small part of Baca location No. 2. The remainder, 2,765.18 acres, is ready for appraisal.

Fort Craig, N. Mex.—Under contract for survey. No returns as yet received at this office.

Fort McRae, N. Mex.—Said reservation falls entirely within the patented private land grant Armendaris No. 33, and was not excepted in the patent.

Fort Klamath (post reserve), Oregon.—Unsurveyed. The greater part of said reservation is within the Klamath Indian Reservation, and reverts to the said Indians. Survey of the remainder, 210 acres, not as yet authorized by the Department.

Fort Klamath (hay reserve), Oregon.—About 120 acres of said reservation is within the Klamath Indian Reservation, and reverts to the said Indians. Survey of the remainder, 2,015 acres, not as yet authorized by the Department.

Fort Cameron, Utah.—Under contract for survey. No returns as yet received at this office.

Fort Crittenden, Utah.—Under contract for survey. No returns as yet received at this office.

Rush Lake Valley, Utah.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Thornburgh, Utah.—Under contract for survey. No returns as yet received at this office.

Fort Colville, Wash.—Surveyed. Eighty acres of said reservation have been entered under the provisions of the act. The remainder, 990 acres, is ready for appraisal.

Fort Steilacoom, Wash.—Surveyed. 71.93 acres of said reservation have been entered under the provisions of the act. The remainder, 217.07 acres, is ready for disposal.

Fort Bridger (coal reserve), Wyo.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Fetterman (hay reserve), Wyo.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Fetterman (post reserve), Wyo.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Fetterman (new wood reserve), Wyo.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Fetterman (old wood reserve), Wyo.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Fred Steele (post reserve), Wyo.—Surveyed. Said reservation is within the limits of the grant to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and the said company's rights to the odd-numbered sections having attached prior to the reservation for military purposes, were not impaired thereby, but merely placed in abeyance. The even-numbered sections are ready for appraisal. Under date of November 9, 1886, the honorable Secretary of War requested that the cemetery lot, shown on the official plat of survey in the SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 21 N., R. 85 W., containing 50 acres, be excepted from sale or transfer, and on November 20, 1886, honorable Assistant Secretary Hawkins directed that said request be respected.

Fort Fred Steele (wood reserve), Wyo.—But 1,283.64 acres of said reservation have been surveyed. The remainder, 1,280 acres, falls within unsurveyed townships and will be surveyed when said townships are surveyed. The surveyed portion is ready for appraisal.

Fort McKinney (portion), Wyo.—By executive order of January 10, 1889, the eastern boundary of said reservation was withdrawn one-fourth mile westward. A contract for the survey of the lands embraced in said strip has been approved by this office.

Fort Sanders, Wyo.—Surveyed. Said reservation is within the granted limits of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. A small portion of the reservation was reserved prior to the attachment of the said company's rights, but the rights of the company to the odd-numbered sections in the remainder of said reservation, having attached prior to said reservation, were not impaired thereby but merely placed in abeyance. The even-numbered sections in said remainder, and the portion first named, are ready for appraisal. By act of May 28, 1888 (25 Stats., 158), the Territory of Wyoming was authorized to select and enter 640 acres within the limits of this reservation, to be used for the establishment of a fish-hatchery.

Fort Brooke, Fla.—No survey or appraisal of said reservation has been made and no portion of the same disposed of, an investigation ordered by this office May 25,

1889, by direction of the honorable Secretary under date of May 17, 1889, being now in progress at the Gainesville office, to determine the rights of some twenty-nine claimants.

Fort Jupiter, Fla.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

St. Augustine (hospital lot), Fla.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

St. Augustine (blacksmith-shop lot), Fla.—Surveyed and ready for appraisal.

Fort Douglas (portion), Utah.—Disposed of under the provisions of the act authorizing its relinquishment.